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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0550

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SUBJ: INSURGENT ATTACK IN ASMARA

1. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER TWO MONTHS, THE INSURGENTS STAGED
A PROLONGED HIT AND RUN ATTACK ON MILITARY TARGETS IN ASMARA.

2. BEGINNING AT 2015 HOURS LOCAL TIME, THE RAIDERS OPENED FIRE
SUCCESSIVELY ON NAVY HEADQUARTERS (TRACT A, ADJACENT TO CONGEN
COMPOUND), 2ND DIV HEADQUARTERS (TRACT E), 1ST DIV HEADQUARTERS
(EXPO) AND THE AIRPORT. ATTACK FOLLOWED ESTABLISHED PATTERN.
RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS DIRECTED INTO THE TARGETS
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PRECIPATING HEAVY RETURN FIRE. EXPLOSIONS, POSSIBLY GRENADES

FIRE BY THE MILITARY HEARD AT BOTH TRACTS A AND E. PARTICULARLY
HEAVY EXCHANGES OF FIRE TOOK PLACE AT TRACT A BETWEEN
2020 HOURS AND 2040 HOURS AND NEAR POWER PLANT AT TRACT E BETWEEN
2040 HOURS AND 2050 HOURS. SOME SNIPERS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE
FIRING FROM HOUSES AND ROOF TOPS NEAR TRACT A.

3. BY 2110 HOURS ALL TRACTS QUIET EXCEPT OCCASSIONAL SINGLE SHOTS.
NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES REPORTED. SOUNDS OF VEHICLES NEAR TRACTS
A AND E SUGGEST 2ND DIV REACTION FORCE FINALLY ACTIVATED.
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